

Legislative Analysis



EXCLUDE NONMOTORIZED CANOES AND KAYAKS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS LIVERY BOAT

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Senate Bill 821 (Substitute H-3)

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 821 (H-3) AS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE 7-18-12

The bill would amend Part 445 (Charter and Livery Boat Safety) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to exclude non-motorized canoes or kayaks from the definition of a navigable waters livery boat.

Under the act, a navigable waters livery boat is a livery boat that is more than 20-feet long and is rented for use on navigable waters, which includes the Great Lakes and waters connected to the Great Lakes. Navigable waters livery boats are subject to inspection requirements that no longer apply to non-motorized canoes and kayaks.

The bill is a technical amendment to Public Act 249 of 2012 and is intended to exclude 21-foot canoes from livery boat inspection requirements. 2012 PA 249 eliminated inspection requirements for non-motorized livery boats and altered the inspection and permit requirements for motorized livery boats. To read a full analysis of 2012 PA 249, see:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/billanalysis/House/pdf/2011-HLA-5164-3.pdf>.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 821 would have no significant fiscal impact to the State of Michigan or local units of government.

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